# **Absorbond**<sup>®</sup> Wipers

Hydroentangled polyester wipers for maximum sorptive capacity and optical applications—best wiper for cleaning oil or grease



## Description

Absorbond<sup>®</sup> is the wiper of choice for critical wiping applications where softness, nonabrasiveness and very low extractable levels of nonvolatile residue are essential. Absorbond is made of 100% hydroentangled polyester. The hydroentanglement process uses jets of water to mechanically entangle the fibers, eliminating the need for chemical binders. Even though Absorbond contains no surfactants, its sorptive capacity is five times its weight. This is due to the density of Absorbond's fiber structure, which allows for the sorption of liquids through capillary action.

#### Features

- 100% synthetic fiber (hydroentangled polyester)
- No binders
- SolventSafe Bag-Within-A-Bag® cleanroom packaging
- Statistical Quality Control
- Excellent oil and grease absorption

#### **Benefits**

- Provides absorbency up to five times its own weight
- Prevents abrasion with its soft, durable surface
- Prevents product and cleanroom contamination with ultralow levels of particles and extractables
- Assures lot-to-lot traceability

### Applications

- Cleaning and absorbing oil and grease
- Very low solvent extractable levels make Absorbond ideal for applications where low nonvolatile residue is essential
- Nonabrasive cleaning and handling of delicate optical-grade components such as coated lenses, fiber optic sensors and mirrors
- Cleaning precision assembly components and sensitive surfaces
- Low-contamination work surface

#### **Products**

TX Number	Description	Packaging
TX404	Absorbond®	1,200 wipers/bag,
	4" x 4" (10 cm x 10 cm)	4 inner bags
	hydroentangled	of 300 wipers;
	polyester wipers	10 bags/case
TX409	Absorbond®	300 wipers/bag,
	9" x 9" (23 cm x 23 cm)	2 inner bags
	hydroentangled	of 150 wipers;
	polyester wipers	10 bags/case



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TX404 TX409

Performance Characteristics				
Property	Typical Value	Test Method*		
Basis weight	42 g/m <sup>2</sup>	1, TM20		
Absorbency				
Sorptive capacity	210 mL/m <sup>2¥</sup>	1, TM20		
Sorptive rate	1.4 seconds <sup>¥</sup>	1, TM20		
Contamination Ch	aracteristics			
Property	Typical Value	Test Method*		
LPC				
<u>&gt;</u> 0.5 μm	1.3 x 10 <sup>6</sup> particles/m <sup>2</sup>	1, TM22		
Particles and fibers				
Particles 0.5-5.0 µm	16 x 10 <sup>6</sup> particles/m <sup>2</sup>	1, 2, TM22		
5.0-100 µm	200,000 particles/m <sup>2</sup>	1, 2, TM22		
Fibers: >100 µm	23,000 fibers/m <sup>2</sup>	1, 2, TM22		
Nonvolatile residue				
IPA extractant	0.01 g/m <sup>2</sup>	1, TM1		
DIW extractant	0.005 g/m <sup>2</sup>	1, TM1		
lons				
Sodium	7.0 ppm	1, TM18		
Potassium	2.0 ppm	1, TM18		
Chloride	5.0 ppm	1, TM18		

Note: The data in this table represent typical analyses of these wipers at the time of publication. These are not specifications. ITW Texwipe continually refines both its processes and its products.

#### \*Test Methods

1 – "Evaluating Wiping Materials Used in Cleanroom and Other Controlled Environments," IEST-RP-CC 004.3, Institute for Environmental Sciences and Technology, Rolling Meadows, IL 2004; www.iest.org.

2 – "Standard Method for Size-Differentiated Counting of Particles and Fibers Released from Clean Room Wipers Using Optical and Scanning Electron Microscopy," E2090-00, ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA, 2000; www.astm.org.

TM – Refers to ITW Texwipe Test Method — available upon request, contact ITW Texwipe Customer Service at www.texwipe.com for a copy.

\*Absorbency test performed using IPA.

ITW Texwipe is the only wiper company to be ISO 9001:2000, 13485:2003, 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:1999 registered.